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ERNEST GRANT HOWES

The death of Ernest G. Howes, President of the New England Deaconess Hospital, is a great loss to his friends and associates at the hospital. Mr. Howes died on October 7 at the age of eighty, just six days after the death of his wife. He was a nationally known leather merchant, civic leader and philanthropist. He became a member of the Corporation of the Hospital in 1937, was a Trustee since 1943, and became President in 1947. During these years he gave generously of his time, his advice and financial support to the Deaconess.

Hundreds of friends, Trustees of the Hospital and business associates attended his funeral service held in the Chapel at Boston University. Dr. Harold Case, President of the University officiated, Dr. Daniel Marsh, Chancellor of the University gave the eulogy and Bishop John Wesley Lord led a Methodist delegation. Among the honorary pall bearers were Dr. Frank Lahey, Guy Cox, Eben Ellison. Earl Johnson, J. Franklin McElwain, C. Adrian Sawyer, E. Ray Speare, Ralph Thompson, Dr. Shields Warren and Dr. Warren F. Cook. At the same hour, a memorial service was held at the Bethseda-by-the-Sea Protestant Episcopal Church in Palm Beach, where Mr. Howes was a well known winter resident.

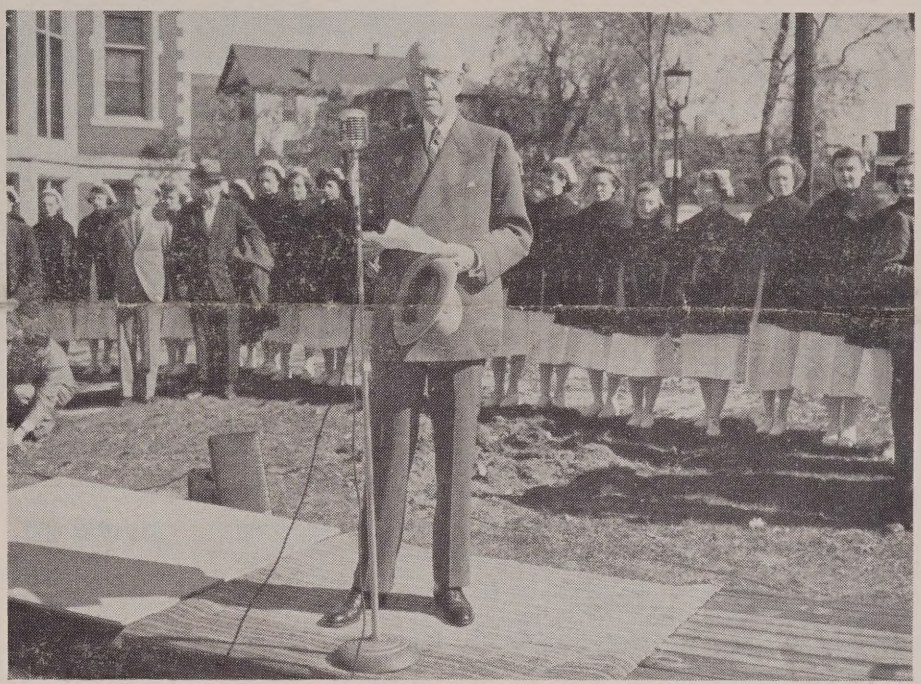
An editorial entitled "Memorial in His Lifetime" written by Dorothy G. Wayman of the *Boston Globe* tells much about the man — Ernest Howes.

"Happy is the man who builds his own monument, sees rise during his lifetime the memorial of his service to fellowmen, his following in the footsteps of his Master.

"Such a man died in Boston last week, following by only six days his wife who had shared with him his interest in philanthropy for alleviation of human suffering, advancement of human education. He was Ernest Grant Howes of North Cohasset, benefactor of New England Deaconess Hospital and Boston University.

"He came of old Cape Cod stock. His father, Captain Franklin Howes of Chatham, at 21 was master of famed sailing vessels of the Civil War period.

"Ernest was the fifth child born to Captain Howes and Mercie Bassett (Small) Howes; yet the father, on his deathbed recognized Ernest's innate ability and formally entrusted to him the charge of his mother, older brothers and sisters and three younger ones.



Ernest Grant Howes at the Ground-breaking Ceremony of the New Central Building on October 20, 1950.

"The boy at once went to work as an office boy and in three years had so shown integrity and willingness that, at the age of 16, he was made a ticket seller at the South Station. At 22, a Boston leather merchant, attracted by his personality, offered him a job as a salesman.

"In two years young Howes had so mastered the business that he resigned from the firm to open his own office.

"He had no capital but great confidence. In later years he recalled his own defiance of superstition and discouragement. 'I had 13 cents in my pocket. I opened an office on April 13 at 13 High St., Boston, and 13 has always been my lucky number,' he once told a friend.

"His leather business prospered, expanded, became a great success. Despite his paucity of formal education, he read and studied widely by himself.

"Dr. Daniel L. Marsh cites the knack Ernest Howes had of applying pungent quotations from an astonishing range of sources in their correspondence during 35 years that Howes was a trustee of Boston University.

"It was one of Ernest Howes' particular desires to see the university buildings rise in dignity on the new Commonwealth Avenue campus, and he contributed in funds and in vigor of leadership to that objective.

"Ernest Howes gave similar long-range effort to hospital building. He was president of the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and in later years, when he established a Winter home at Palm Beach, also became president of the Good Samaritan Hospital in the Florida resort. The new buildings at both institutions, the expansion and improvement in hospital service, were due in no small measure to his dynamic and constant work."

Mr. Howes lived a full and abundant life. There was nothing small in his make up. He had a fine saving sense of good humor, and was a warm companion. He was a cultured gentleman, respected by everyone who knew him and loved by those who knew him best.

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CATHERINE DELANO GRANT MEMORIAL FUND

The Friends of the Deaconess Hospital are establishing a memorial fund for the late Mrs. Alexander G. Grant. This fund will be used for a continuing nursing scholarship. The Friends hope to raise $5,000. If anyone would like to contribute, please give your money to Mrs. Paine on November 20 at check-cashing time in the Cafeteria.

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TV SHOW

The Deaconess Hospital gave a half-hour TV show on Sunday, November 4 over Station WBZ-TV. Miss Joan Berry, Dr. Bradley E. Copeland, Miss Egilda DeAmicis, Dr. Margaret Holt, Miss Olive L. Nelson, Dr. Sheldon C. Sommers, and Mrs. Esther Thomas were members of the cast. The program, presented in co-operation with the Massachusetts Council of Churches, was one of a series called "Our Believing World."

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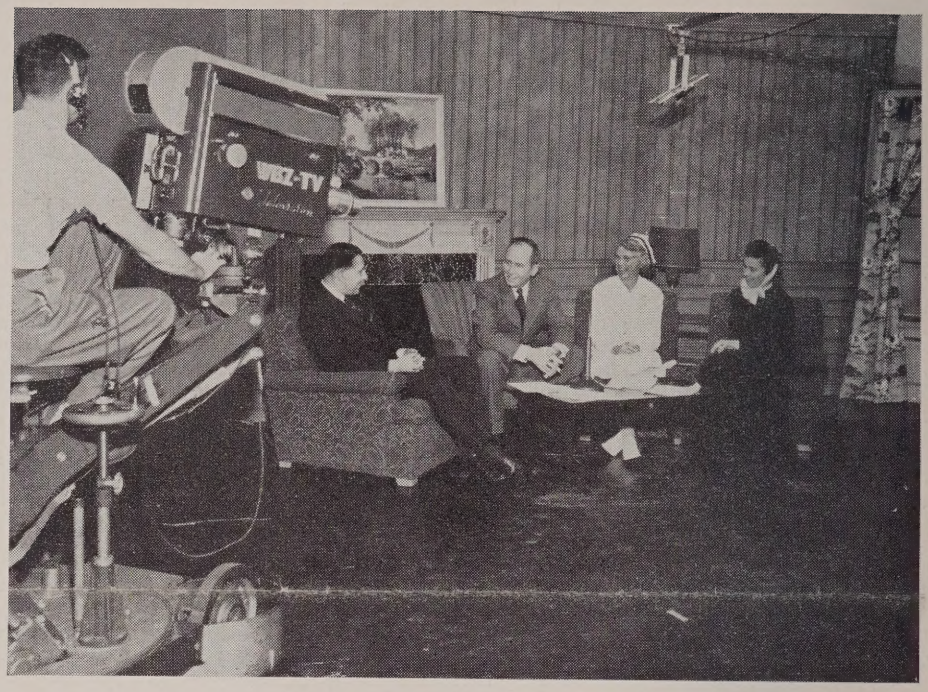
CONSTRUCTION NEWS

New Central Building: *The steel has arrived!* It is expected that the entire tonnage will be here by December 15. By New Year's Day the skeleton steel frame should be nearly completed and the site should appear more like a building project than an unused parking lot. As it looks from here, we'll be able to greet the year 1953 in our new building.

Boiler Plant Addition: After a difficult digging job during which we uncovered a spring, oil (no gold), and all sorts and conditions of old concrete foundations, piping for water, sewer, steam and electricity, we are happy to report that the boiler, walls and roof are now in place. The driveway should be ready for use by the end of November.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

L. J. PHILLIPS,
Clerk of the Works



Deaconess TV Show. (Left to right): Dr. Bradley Copeland, Mr. Richard McCann, WBZ-TV Commentator, Miss Olive Nelson and Miss Joan Berry.
Photo by J. Coyne

DR. G. MARSHALL CRAWFORD

Dr. G. Marshall Crawford, nationally known dermatologist on the Deaconess Hospital Staff, died at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on October 19. He was an instructor at Harvard Medical School where he formally was head of the Dermatology Department. He was consultant to the Federal Pure Food and Drug Administration, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and several Boston hospitals.

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THE REV. JOSEPH M. SHEPLER

The Reverend Joseph M. Shepler who died October 4 at his home in Townsend, Massachusetts, was a prominent member of the New England Conference for over 51 years and a Methodist minister for over 56 years. He had an active part in the founding of the New England Deaconess Hospital of which he was a Trustee. He held pastorates in Everett, Lynn, Hyde Park, Watertown, Salem, Dorchester and Winchendon. He was also a Trustee of Boston University.

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SADIE HAGEN MEMORIAL TO BE DEDICATED

Tuesday, November 20 at 11:45 A. M. a memorial plaque in the Reception Room of the Cancer Research Institute will be dedicated at a short service in memory of Miss Hagen. Everyone is invited.

DIABETES FAIR

The Second Annual Diabetes Fair sponsored by the New England Diabetes Association, a voluntary effort of physicians to inform the public about diabetes and to help discover the million unknown diabetics in this country, was held November 14 and 15 in Boston's Horticultural Hall.

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5,000,000 TESTS

The American Diabetes Association has recently announced plans to test 5,000,000 people for diabetes with hopes of finding as many of the 1,000,000 Americans who have this disease without knowing it. The testing began during Diabetes Week, November 11-17. The cost of this project will be met by member doctors and voluntary contributions. State and county medical societies are cooperating with the program.

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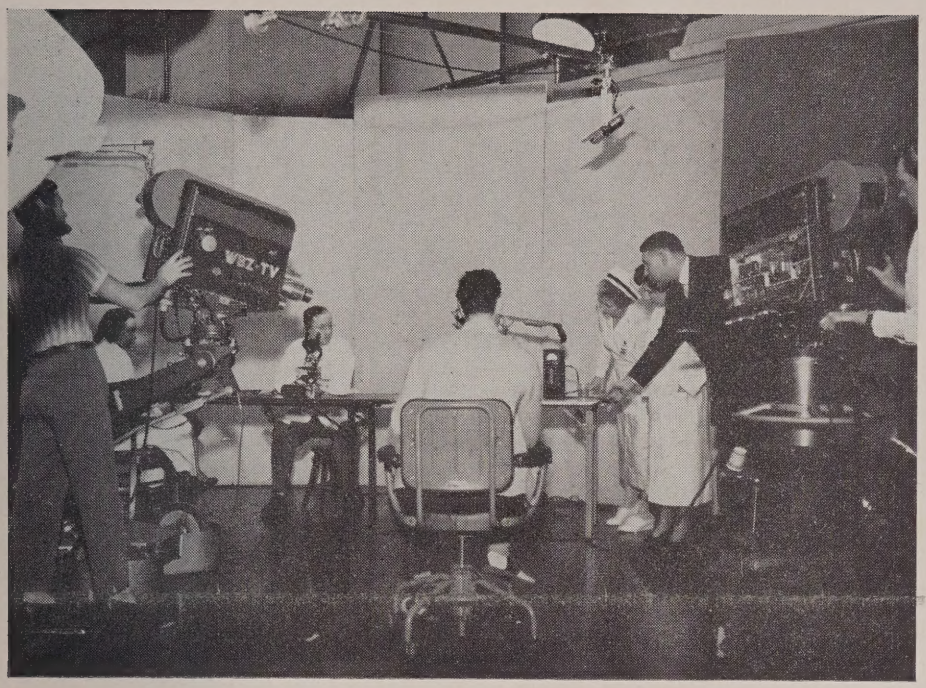
DOCTOR HICKS' AWARD

In Philadelphia at the Annual Meeting of the United Cerebral Palsy Association, Dr. Samuel P. Hicks, of the Deaconess Staff, received the $1,000 Max Weinstein Award for outstanding scientific achievement of the year plus an $8,000 grant to continue his research.

Dr. Sidney Farber, Chairman of the United Cerebral Palsy's Research Council said that Dr. Hicks' experiments opened a whole new field of research that should clarify many problems concerning the causes and prevention of cerebral palsy.



Deaconess TV Show: (Left to right): Dr. Margaret Holt, Dr. Sheldon Sommers, Mrs. Esther Thomas, Miss Egilda DeAmicis, and Dr. Bradley Copeland at the Cancer Research Demonstration Set.

Photo by J. Coyne

DEACONESS SURGEON IN NEW TYPE FILM

William L. Laurence, of the *New York Times,* reporting from the Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons at San Francisco, describes a new type of surgical motion picture which shows in color and in three dimensional perspective a complicated operation performed by Dr. Samuel F. Marshall of the Lahey Clinic and New England Deaconess Hospital Staff.

"The film shows a total gastrectomy, an operation for cancer that involves the removal of the entire stomach and spleen and connecting the esophagus (gullet) with a new pouch, fashioned from the middle part of the small intestine, to serve as a substitute stomach.

"Dr. Henry W. Cave, retiring president of the college, said the three-dimensional technique has made all surgical films taken to date obsolete.

" 'I have seen a hundred motion pictures of abdominal operations, but this is the first time I have seen the esophageal hiatus.' He referred to the circular opening in the diaphragm through which the gullet passes between the throat and the stomach, pointing out that in two-dimensional color filming this opening appeared only as a dark shadow."

Many unsuccessful attempts have been made to produce three-dimensional motion pictures that would duplicate the old-fashioned stereopticon.

"The new three-dimensional system was developed by Floyd A. Ramsdell, a former high school mathematics teacher, now general manager of the Worcester Massachusetts Film Corporation. It employs two cameras, one fixed and one moveable, plus a mathematical formula for varying the distance between the cameras and the angle at which the pictures are taken, so that in the end the projected image would be adjusted to an optical axis of two-and-a-half inches and thus appear normal to human binocular vision.

"The audience is required to wear polaroid viewers that enable each eye to see only the picture intended for that eye. Each eye thus transmits its own picture to the brain, where it is fused, as in normal vision, to form a natural three-dimensional picture.

" 'Stereoscopic motion pictures,' Dr. Marshall commented, 'undoubtedly present a tremendously valuable medium of surgical teaching. Depth obtained by photography in the third dimension enables the audiences to see details in technique which may not even be apparent with close observation in the operating room.'

"The Marshall-Ramsdell film was made possible by a grant from the Etchicon Suture Laboratories of New Brunswick, N. J., and is the first of a series under consideration."

RED FEATHER CAMPAIGN

You have seen the Red Feathers grow in our lobbies. We are all contributing generously according to our ability and I want to sincerely thank you. We have nearly reached the top but the last few dollars are always the hardest to raise.

If, by error, you were not asked to contribute, please look us up. If you would like to make an additional gift it would be appreciated because we do not want *this year* to be the *first year* we did not make our quota.

10 A. M. November 21 is the deadline. Can we count on you to put us over the top?

WARREN F. COOK

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DR. LUND HEADS AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Dr. Charles C. Lund, surgeon on the Staff of the Deaconess Hospital has been elected National President of The American Cancer Society at its October 27 meeting in New York. Hearty congratulations to Dr. Lund from all his Deaconess friends!

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DIETETIC MEETING

The Massachusetts Dietetic Association held its monthly meeting at the Joslin Auditorium in the Cancer Research Institute on October 28. Effie May Winger, Dietitian-in-Chief, is President-elect of this State group.

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APPOINTMENT

Major Vernola McCullough Broome, Deaconess Graduate, Class of 1933, has been appointed Chief Nurse at the United States Army Hospital at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

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WANTED

Discarded eyeglasses or eye glass frames which you or your family no longer use. Bring them to Miss Sigrid Hellmer, Admitting office, who will send them along to the Micronesian Islands where some of the native population need glasses.

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BABY SITTERS AVAILABLE

A number of student nurses are on call during their off-duty hours as baby sitters. Their rate is 50 cents per hour. Appointments may be made at any time by calling the Housemothers at Harris Hall, ASpinwall 7-4620, Ext. 330.

FRIENDS OF THE DEACONESS ANNUAL MEETING

On Tuesday afternoon, October 16, the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital held their Annual Meeting in the Elliott P. Joslin Auditorium in the hospital's new Cancer Research Institute. Principal speakers at the meeting were Dr. Elliott P. Joslin, Physician-in-Chief Emeritus, and Miss Marjorie Mills, Editor of the *Boston Herald-Traveler* Women's Pages and well known NBC radio commentator.

Dr. Warren F. Cook, Executive Director, and Miss Olive Nelson, Director of Nursing, also spoke. Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, Chairman of the meeting, was assisted by Mrs. Lewis M. Hurxthal.

MRS. WARDWELL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF "FRIENDS"

Mrs. Sheldon E. Wardwell has been elected President of the Friends of the Deaconess Hospital, it was announced on October 17.

Mrs. Wardwell, a Trustee of the Hospital, is active in both volunteer and business affairs at the Deaconess. As the new President of the Friends of the Deaconess she fills a position held for the past seventeen years by the late Mrs. Alexander G. Grant.

Other newly elected officers include: Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, First Vice-President; Mrs. Howard F. Root, Second Vice-President; Mrs. Shields Warren, Treasurer; Mrs. Robert Wood Coe, Assistant Treasurer; Mrs. Henry W. Porter, Recording Secretary; Miss Edith E. Wright, Corresponding Secretary.

Dr. Warren F. Cook, Miss Marjorie Mills, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and Mrs. F. Gorham Brigham, Speakers at the Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Deaconess.

Photo by J. Coyne

PREVIEW

The New England Deaconess Hospital's School of Nursing held its fourth Nursing Course Preview this month. The Preview system — a capsule picture of nursing — is designed to teach the prospective students who plan to enter the School this January what nursing is really like.

NEW NURSING SCHOOL CATALOGUE: Miss Olive L. Nelson, Director of the New England Deaconess Hospital's School of Nursing, shows Edith Gudmand, Jamaica Plain, and Barbara Hinches, Portland, Maine, two recently enrolled students, the new School of Nursing catalogue.

Photo by Boston Daily Record

LIBRARY NEWS

The Patients' Library on Palmer 6, headquarters for the traveling book-wagon which visits each patient floor twice a week, is also open to hospital personnel for their recreational reading. Come and visit in your off-duty time, 10 A. M. to 4:30 P. M.

In addition to popular fiction of all kinds, some unusually interesting non-fiction titles have been added recently.

1. Boswell's London Journal
2. Monday to Friday is Not Enough, by Rev. Frederick M. Meek
3. The Greatest Book Ever Written, by Fulton Oursler
4. Flash; (high speed photography) by Edgerton and Killian
5. Partners: The United Nations and Youth, by Roosevelt and Ferris
6. The Royal Family (photographic story) by D. Morrah
7. Schnozzola, the story of Jimmy Durante, by Gene Fowler
8. The Sea Around Us, by Rachel L. Carson
9. Seven Plays of G. B. Shaw
10. Voice of Asia, by James A. Michener
11. A Man Called Peter (story of Peter Marshall)